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Milk for Babes:

Meat for Strong Men.

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WINE well refined on the LEES.

O Come young Men and Maidens, old Men and Babes, and drink abundantly of the Streams that run from the Fountain, that you may feel a Well-Spring of living Wa. ter in your selves, springing up to Eternal Life; that as he lives (even Christ Jesus) from whence all the Springs do come, so you may live also, and partake of his Glory that is ascended at the right hand of the Father, far above Principalities and Powers.

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The Preface to the Reader.

His being an Invitation of Love and Life (learned Counsel indeed) from him that hath been tryed in the deeps, a follower of the Lamb in many Tribulations, where ever he went, who was baptized into his death by the Holy Ghost, and by Fire; made like unto him through sufferings, who is the Captain of our

Salvation; cloa thed upon with his Virtues and Graces, throughly furnisked unto ev ery good and perfect work: For he had the mind of God, and the Secrets of the Almighty did abide upon his Tabernacle; and he prophesied of this day which is now come, and what shall be hereafter, which is not convenient to be uttered; but the day will declare and make all things manifest: For he that doeth business in great waters, seeth the wonders of the Lord, and declareth of the working of his mighty Power, who wrought mightily in him; he brake the Bonds, and cut the Cords assunder, and led him by the hand of his Power through the Fire and the Water, and set his feet in a plain path, and brought him forth in the midst of his Enemies, and stood at his right hand that he could not be moved; yea before the faces of them that had persecuted his righteous Soul, and had said his God had for saken him, and cast him off for ever; but the Lord did never leave him or for fake him, although Satan had power to winnow him as wheat; yet his precious life was hid with God, and the evil one could not touch it; and the Tryal came not upon him for his own sins onely, nor the sins of others; but it was to try some, that all Flesh may be silent, and that none should glory in his presence, who setteth up, and casteth down, who kills and makes alive, according to the good pleasure of his own will; and who shall say, Why dost thou thus? For the Potter bath power over the Clay to make a Vessel of honor, or of dishonor: For I am God All-sufficient, and man as the dust of the Ballance, and as the drop of the Bucket; and let all men know, that the Most High ruleth in the Heavens, and doth what soever he will in the Earth; for the Lord alone does all: Therefore let none glory in his own wisdom or strength; for all Flesh is as grass, and the glory of it as the Flower of the Field, which soon fadeth away, and cometh to an end; therefore let him that stands, fear always,

fear alwayes, lest he fall into temptation; for none can stand in the Day of Tryal, nor dwell with everlasting Burnings, but he that lives and walks in the Spirit, and puts no Confidence in the Flesh: [Mark this] He was set as a Sign for the Rife and Fall of many, that the Secrets of many hearts might be made manifest, and for to prove that Generation that then had Power in their hands, but improved it not, but went on in the Counsel of their own corrupt Hearts to persecute the Innocents but the Lord God who hath pleaded the cause of the needy, a helper of him who had no helper in the Earth; I say, the Lord God hath pleaded with that generation of men which now are passed away, and their very memorial is become an evil savour; for they shewed no mercy \$ Therefore in the day of their distress they could find no mercy, but the merciful God, whose mercies are above and over all his works. He did remember his Captive, and did not leave his foul in the Grave, but did deliver his Lamb from the devouring Wolves, and stopped the mouths of the Lyons which greedily roared, and gave him his life for a prey, that he might magnifie and exalt his unexpressible abundant loving-kindness, and unutterable love of the Lord to him, that all that fear the Lord might trust in the God of his Salvation, who saved him to the utmost; this is the God of the living: O let all the holy Saintsthat know the breath of life, praise him that liveth for ever : For all Dominion, Honor and Glory is his, and unto him let it be ascribed for ever and ever.

But he hath finished the work his Father gave him to do, and hath run the Race that was set before him, and is come to the End of all things; the Antient of Dayes, the Judge of all; although the outward Tabernacle be gone to its place, yet he lives, and shall never dye; and the resurrection of his most holy Life is risen, and shall arise in many; a Name he hath among the living, which can never be blotted out, and the blessing of the Lord is upon the Seed that hath been raised by his preaching of the Word of Reconciliation and Peace, and his Off-spring shall declare his Generation for ever; for the Seed is still multiplying, his Childrens Children are ready to bring forth, still raising up Seed to the Elder Brother, the true Husband in the Resurrection; but now none can add to him, or take from him; for Immortal is his Crown, and endles is his glory; and in all that was done unto him, the Lord never smote him, as he hath, and will smite them that smote him; for he hath broken them with a great Breach, and so shall it be with all Zions Enemies.

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mies; for her King is in the midst of her, the Lord of Hosts is his Name, who will smite the Host of the Egyptians; and fear, horror and trembling shall take hold on Israel's enemies, and he will smite the Earth with a Curse for his Elect sake, and he will plague hardhearted Pharoah, that will not let the Seed go free to serve the Lord in the Spirit, and the Truth; and with Amalek (which will not let Israel pass through his Land) will he make War for ever, and in the destruction of his Enemies will he get himself a Name, and his Name shall be dreadful to all them that know him not; but all that know his Name they put their trust in it, and unto them it is a strong Tomer of Defence, and into the Ark of his Strength will be gather all the Righteous souls, whilft he ease and avenge himself of his enemies; and for ever blessed are all they that hold out unto the end, and keep the Word of his Patience, they shall be hid in the hollow of his hand, kept (afe in his Pavilion, and a defence will he make about his people, and Zion shall be the praise of the whole Earth, a beautiful City, compact, compassed about with salvation for Walls and Bulwarks, and the Mountain of his Holines shall be on the top of all Mountains, and no Destroiers shall be found in it; the pure in heart shall see it.

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